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In a strongly worded statement issued today, the London-based Islamic Council deplored and condemned the blatant persecution of members of the Islamic Tendancy Movement in Tunisia by the Government of Habib Bourguiba.

The statement said that the Bourguiba Government has let loose a reign of terror in Tunisia and is flagrantly violating human rights of the Tunisian people. It said that according to reliable reports the government has already arrested 47 members of the movement and is bent upon arresting many more.

It added that the Government intends to hold show trials and award draconian punishments, including capital punishment, to the people it has already arrested and those it intends to arrest. It said that all informed people and agencies, both within Tunisia and outside, know that the arrested persons have not committed any criminal offense whatsoever and are victims of the government vendetta.

The Council called upon all human rights organisations to use every means possible to prevail upon the Tunisian authorities to release the detainess, stop further arrests and restore civil liberties and human rights in Tunisia.

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